

EMPLOYER: AeroGo

FOUNDED: 1967

LOCATION: Tukwila

EMPLOYEES: 60

WEBSITE: www.AeroGo.com

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AeroGo is a global leader in providing innovative load-moving solutions to move heavy, awkward or delicate objects. They manufacture air bearings, a technology that uses compressed air to reduce friction and make it possible to float immensely heavy objects, often called “industrial air hockey.” AeroGo’s on-site engineering staff are always designing new solutions using air bearings, power drives or other options to solve a load-moving problem for their customers. Their load-moving systems are utilized to move objects as diverse as satellites, aircraft tooling, heavy equipment, cleanroom semiconductor machinery and huge banks of theater seats in opera houses.

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ON THE MOVE: AeroGo’s primary product is its air caster, which works like an inflatable donut. Once placed under the object to be moved, it inflates, seals to the floor and lets air underneath to create a tiny cushion of air — only as thick as a business card — upon which the object moves. Many aerospace parts can’t risk being dinged by a forklift, so AeroGo’s products are a safe way to move precisely in tight spaces. They also can stop the load on a dime simply by shutting off the air supply.

SIMPLE TO USE: The company’s solutions are easy to implement and easy to use. They don’t require the kind of training typical of a forklift or crane. They are inherently safe, because the cargo is moved close to the floor — you’re not going to risk damage or injury by carrying it around high up in the air. One operator can easily move a 5,000-pound roll of paper.

MADE IN AMERICA: Founded and based in Tukwila near Sea-Tac Airport, AeroGo designs and manufactures all of its products in Washington and ships them to customers around the world. About half of AeroGo’s 60-plus employees are focused on manufacturing. The other half are engineers, administration, marketing, sales and purchasing. AeroGo is an ISO 9001 certified manufacturer and standard products are CE rated.

DIVERSE CLIENTELE: AeroGo customers come from diverse industry sectors ranging from defense and nuclear to biotech, marine, modular structures and aerospace. Among the products their clients move: power transformers, props on movie sets, ships, caissons, and giant rolls of material for disposable diapers. AeroGo also has an FDA-approved product designed especially for use in pharmaceutical spaces that is made entirely of stainless steel and uses no oil. 

“What we sell here are solutions. We work to solve a problem having to do with moving a heavy load. We are really proud of being an American-built product, all designed and engineered right here in Washington.”

—JOHN MASSENBURG, CEO

